2/5/70

Dear Russ,

Glad to get your 2/1, which didn't arrive until today-but you didn't mail it until the 3rd, according to the postmark. I not these things because one of my recent letters to a regular correspondent reached him not only opened, but cut open, which is one of the more obvious means. I answer in haste, and will read the enclosures when I've time. I've been more nervous than usual recently, probably because there has been little medical interest in and no real examination/testing of my blacking out (not fainting) ten days ago.

Don't bother copying material on the Klan cell when you've so little time. I have the six names, and none of them are involved. It is is of interest as part of the stroy on the police (and if you know anyone who ever wants to write that, I was part of the 1937 Senate investigation and have the hearings and report on it).

Vallee/Madden-amplified by what I sent you but not until after you had written this, the suppressed FBI report. The Madden quote is, I believe, in COUP.

Xeroxing COUP: You have the first part. I'll send the second, but please return as soon as you can, insuring, because damage is customary. Please wrap well. I have written a Chapter 18 (Agnew/Panther/Mitchell/FBI/Groth) but haven't been able to xerox. When I do, I'll lend. I'll probably have the appendix done then, too. It is complete, save for a few minor typos to be corrected.

You mention Penn. Stay away from him. He's absolutely off his rocker. Everybody but him and Boxley are agents. He is so far gone he has dough and not only will not pay me $150 he has owed me for years but will not even answer letters.

The CIA-agents book is fun but undependable, and there is but a single Rose in it, not Charles but Alvin Emanuel, listed as Publisher, Chicago Times. I have no way of evaluating the Hampron-Davis story, but in my thinking the elimination of leadership, real or potential, and the creation of more bitterness and violence, the suppression of which requires more authoritarianism, is sufficient. The common attorney, assuming he is a decent man, would more likely explain Fred's learning about Rennie than thew opposite.

It would be nice if some of those on your letterhead could get together with each other. Like me and Meacham. I left a message for him at the mobe hq in late November or early December and silence.

Glance at list of dead leads to this suggestion if you ever redo: replace death with murder. And there are Frisco cases not here, blacks.

Had lit mailing from Flo saying she was sorry she had not been able to help me. I replied saying she hadn't listened, things had changed. What she hadn't helped me do was help her. She's great, but she has her own notions, as who doesn't? When you get the full sweep of the work and what would go with it you'll better understand how, if such a distinction can be made with fascism, mine is the more apt.

Our best to you both,